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
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ANNA DOWNEY

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ANNA DOWNEY

The botanist, with the aid of the microscope, can examine and describe accurately the most delicate plant, its stem and flower; the artist can spread upon canvas the rich tint of leaf and petal; the musician can, with skilful touch, strike from the piano harmonies, charming and complete. Who can paint in words the grace and symphony and power of a human life? Who can give adequate expression to the beautiful life of Anna Downey? The impress has been felt, but an attempt to describe such a life is as an effort to gather the wind in the hand or to imprison the fragrance of the new-blown rose.

Anna Downey, who passed away at Ottawa, Kansas, on November 2, 1903, was born in Greencastle, Indiana, in the year 1855. She was the elder of the two daughters of Charles G. and Hester M. Downey. When the daughters were only a few years of age, the father died, leaving them to the sole care of the mother. Even as a child, Anna showed all those characteristics which marked her later life. She was happy, bright, intelligent and lovable. She seemed at once to grasp and realize the meaning and responsibility of living. When her primary education had been finished, she entered Indiana Asbury University. In this institution, her career as a student was marked in every particular. Her class, that of 1877, was a distinguished one, but among its fifty-one members, it numbered no one more prominent than Anna Downey. Her teachers gave to her the highest tribute that can come to a student, she was teachable. She was even more than this. She was eager at all times to know the truth and ready to accept it. In all the social enterprises in which the class of 1877 engaged, as

well as in the every day work of the class-room, she was the light and the life.

In this connection, Miss Downey's membership in Kappa Alpha Theta must be mentioned. Alpha Chapter has never had a better exponent or a more loyal member. She embodied in her character all the beautiful and ennobling principles of Kappa Alpha Theta. She was enthusiastic even to the end in living out all that Theta stands for. Miss Downey was broad enough in her spirit to be a true and loyal member of a secret order and yet not be dwarfed and prejudiced. Only four years ago, when Alpha held a reunion, she attended and made one of her characteristic speeches. No one present can ever forget it. How her eyes lighted with the old-time fire as she grew eloquent in her appeal to the eighty women gathered about the table! At the close of her talk, the enthusiasm was boundless, and all realized that she had brought a new inspiration and ambition to her loved sisterhood.

Even during her college days, Anna Downey had a genius for thinking out perplexing problems and reconciling different views. With eyes cast down, perhaps closed for a moment, she would sit in silence, and then call out, "Girls, I have it!" The solution would prove to be the true one and the difficulty would vanish.

It was during Miss Downey's course in college, in her Sophomore year, that her mother died. The picture that presented itself at that time and the spirit in which the two sisters, Anna and Alice, took each other by the hand and started anew upon life's difficult path, are described in this stanza of a poem written at that date, given here in part.

"Peace in this chamber! Let the daughters come
And sit beside the dear, pale form of death.
The smiling stillness of the face below
Is answered by the smiles of love and trust,
With scarce a tear to testify of loss,
In the two faces that are bent above."

When college life was ended, Miss Downey began

teaching. In this work, she served for about ten years, first as professor of didactics and afterward of mathematics in the Iowa Wesleyan University; and then as instructor in Greek and English literature in the college from which she had graduated, now known as DePauw University. While an instructor, Miss Downey, like a true teacher, continued her own work as a student. Since from her childhood she had shown unusual insight and power in things spiritual, it was natural that she should take a course in systematic theology. She completed this work in 1893, and received from DePauw University the degree of S. T. D., perhaps the first bestowed upon a woman in the United States. At once, it became evident that Miss Downey's future work was to be that of an evangelist. Her first engagement was by the W. C. T. U. as State evangelist for Illinois. She was so eminently successful in this that she was soon engaged by the same organization as National Evangelist. In addition to the regular duties imposed by this office, she wrote and published many tracts and held Bible Institutes of incalculable importance and value. Miss Downey's crowning work, however, is that of a Gospel evangelist, in which she has delighted for many years. The good accomplished by her in this field can never be fully estimated.

Such is the mere outline of the life of Anna Downey. Though from babyhood her days had been full of usefulness, her friends feel that the last few months of her life were dedicated to even greater service than the preceding years. By her faith; by words of assurance to loved ones; in the beautiful messages to friends; in the letters written with her own trembling hand, she made the last days as a golden sunset lighting up the present, glorifying all the past, throwing its radiant beams far into the future. The story of these last days may be only touched, for its recital would fill a volume. Now that she is gone, no one dares to say that her life here was not finished. God had taught her and shown to her his purposes. To Bishop McCabe, she

said: "I knew when I had preached my last sermon. I knew when I had touched the piano for the last time." To her friends, who had seen her again and again as she sat in rapture, bringing with delicate touch from her dear piano the answer to the harmony in her own soul, what a sacrifice it seemed! To her, it was not a cross to give up even this in which she had so delighted.

The body was brought to Greencastle for burial in the beautiful Forest Hill Cemetery. The funeral was held at the Locust Street M. E. Church. The services were under the direction of Alpha Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. This organization numbering sixty, active and alumnae, attended in a body. According to Miss Downey's request, Dr. H. A. Gobin and Dr. J. P. D. John made the addresses, the former speaking of her as a student and teacher, the latter of her as an evangelist. Many of Miss Downey's class-mates were present and took part in the service, as did also Kappa Alpha Theta, by giving the response after prayer. Never was sorrow more sweetened and subdued, for Anna had written: "Let there be nothing sombre at my funeral, only some green and white, emblems of purity and eternity." "I shall be there perhaps," she said, "the most radiant one among you."

At the conclusion of the service at the church, the body was carried to Forest Hill. All day the clouds had been dark and heavy, but as the procession came near the cemetery they rolled away, and as the casket was lowered and the cheering words, "There's a land that is fairer than day," floated in song far over the green hill-side, the sun burst forth in brilliancy, seeming to bring a message of hope and cheer from her we loved.

As the flowers, tributes of friends innumerable, were placed by loving hands upon the sacred mound, we seemed to hear again as in the olden days a voice saying, "Girls, I have it!" and we knew that Anna had found the best of all gifts, eternal life in the presence of the Master.

MARTHA J. RIDPATH, Alpha Alumnae.



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THE HOME CLAIM

Many plans and anticipations for a more satisfying life, which fill the mind of the college girl, have a tendency to slip away, after graduation, and leave her peculiarly unguided and perplexed when she attempts to act upon them. To say this, is perhaps to state the experience of a great proportion of college girls, but especially of those who are under no necessity to earn their own living; yet who none the less are desirous of putting their talents and trained faculties to worthy use. It is rather with the latter type that this article has to do.

Such a period in a girl's life is one of transition and of indecision bordering upon unhappiness. As a rule she is thoroughly tired from the physical and mental strain of years of study. Things have been too many, and too much, and a kind of reaction has set in which she fails to realize because it takes no definite form. But she is indifferent and aimless and cannot well escape continued discontent, if a motive is not supplied which will stimulate endeavor.

Just here, a girl needs time, not only for tired nerves and brain, but to recover from a sort of mental indigestion, the almost certain result of the years of accumulation. She has been merely a reservoir, for the reception of knowledge from professors and books. But after allowing herself time for rest, readjustment to the new order of life, she cannot afford to lapse into discontent, for her own sake and more especially for her family's, who have been only kind and indulgent during her care-free college days. There is nothing sadder than to see a girl return from college, unhappy, dissatisfied and restless; who is slow to renew old ties and to form new ones, and as a result magnifies the extent of a half imagined social isolation which her years of absence have created. It is perfectly true that college life is very absorbing and engrossing. It matters little whether the college is a good distance away, or within the pale of the home town; when the assured protection of col-

lege walls is once withdrawn, a girl is bound to find herself standing with more or less uncertainty and hesitancy upon the threshold of an untried world.

Friends, pleasures and duties, all have a changed aspect, and she feels for a time as though she had little part in them. Perhaps her position is not unlike that of one who, having taken up a foreign residence for a long interval, returns, to find himself unsettled and disquieted. The larger life to which she has long looked forward, and for which she thought herself prepared, seems not so easy after all; she feels the need of a positive, tangible demand upon her powers, for they are too untrained to supply the initiative.

"The modern woman," says a writer of social ethics, "finds herself educated to recognize a stress of social obligation, which her family did not in the least anticipate, when they sent her to college. She finds herself, in addition, under an impulse to act her part as a citizen of the world. She accepts her family inheritance with loyalty and affection, but she has entered into a wider inheritance as well, which, for lack of a better phrase, we call the *social claim*. This claim has been recognized for four years in her training, but after her return from college, the family claim is again exclusively asserted. The family has responded to the extent of granting the education, but they are jealous of the new claim and assert the family claim as over against it." The writer hastens to show us, that the family claim being definite, usually holds sway over the social demand, it being vague, and the girl though submitting, feels wronged and either hides her hurt, and so splendid enthusiasm and ability are wasted, or her zeal and emotion are turned inward, and we have an unhappy woman whose heart is filled with vain regrets and desires.

There is room here for wide differences of opinion and I hope some Thetas who read this will agree, that however urgent the social claim may be, it is the home claim first of all, that she should answer; and that a college woman with

home and family, not impelled by necessity to enter the world's work, has been narrowed rather than benefited by her advantages, if she sees in her home no opportunities worthy of her effort. If her eyes are set upon unrealities and dreamed-of "careers," believing that only in a career may her education express its value, her college experience has failed sadly in giving her that vision which is broad enough to clothe the affairs of every day with beauty.

Such girls need the counsel, given by a good professor, to his graduate, who was disconsolate that broad fields were not opening to her after college days had ended.

"If the great world now before you," he said, "does not appreciate you, do not faint; the greater home world is always open to you, where the finer art of character building will give you abundant opportunity for service to mankind. One can always probe into the philosophy of life. It is a never ending study." This too, from a man whose work put him in most vital and sympathetic touch with the world's great enterprises. But he was possessed of so broad a view and outlook that he could see, within the home, opportunities as broad and useful as in a queen's dominions.

It is not, after all, the spheres in which we live or have our work that matters. The great thing is to feel the sanctity and beauty of our destiny; to love life for its chances to love, to work and to play; and to belong to humanity through the heart as well as the mind and the soul. Believing this, our college girl could never regret that her higher education was not being put into manifest expression. In whatever surroundings, it would become in her a central force, showing itself in a thousand forms, and making nothing small that she did, because of the spirit that breathed through the deed.

FLORENCE L. BELL.

Epsilon Alumnae.

A THETA ARTIST

A recent number of "The Sketch Book" says, — "The art situation in the West has become interesting to the East. Scarcely a day passes but inquiries are received asking for all manner of biographical information pertaining to western artists. The attitude is no longer scornful when one applies for recognition in New York, for it is admitted that the western school has a vigor in execution and an originality in design that puts it beyond feeble imitation of accepted standards. Besides the many well-known artists who have attracted eastern attention to Chicago and its splendid art schools, there are many younger and as yet but comparatively little known artists who deserve a fair meed of praise. Among the younger artists is Mabel Packard, who has made a special study of miniature painting and whose studio shows many beautiful pieces of work, both oils and water colors."

Way up on the top floor of the Fine Arts Building, in Michigan Boulevard in Chicago, in one of the coziest spots it has ever been my pleasure to visit, you may find her. One must enter the sanctum through an outer room or office, through which one catches a glimpse of the studio beyond. And there by her easel near the window she sits, working on a bit of ivory, and surrounded by art in all its forms. The walls are burlapped and the wood-work done in black, touched off with the rich coloring of Navajo blankets and Oriental rugs, while an old fashioned casting net, with crabs and star fish in its meshes, hangs between two of the windows, and is draped over the top of an old mahogany framed mirror — this effect, combined with numerous brass bowls and candlesticks would delight the eye of every lover of the antique; while at sight of a real Sir Joshua Reynolds, with its wonderful flesh tones, one is charmed indeed. A potter's wheel adds to the interest, especially when you learn that it is in almost constant use, for occupying the same studio is a lady who does most attractive work in pottery — in grays and rich blues, and



MABEL, PACKARD
Photograph by Matzere

many of her pieces are scattered about on the shelves. On the right wall as you enter is the life-sized head here reproduced, and it is in truth a beautiful piece of work.

Mabel Packard is a Theta from Phi Chapter and is now a member of Delta Alumnae, Chicago. She was graduated from Leland Stanford University after three years of active work, with a degree of A. B. in '95, and took up art as a pastime. Coming to Chicago in 1897, she studied diligently at the Art Institute until 1900, making a splendid record and taking first honors in her class, on the merits of the picture here given. The following year she went to Paris, and studied at the Colorossi Academie under M. Colin, Courteois, and Mucha, and did some copying in the Louvre. Two of her pictures, a miniature and an oil, were hung at the French Salon. She received H. M., on oils exhibited in the Art Students League Exhibition in 1899; first prize in water colors at the League Exhibit in 1902; and was represented in all the exhibits in Chicago last year.

Delta Alumnae is justly proud of this very talented member. Sometime when you chance to be in Chicago, I advise you to take a peep at this attractive little studio. I know Miss Packard will be glad to see you and, I assure you, you will feel repaid.

GRACE DIETRICK GROESBECK,
Delta Alumnae.

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The choice of the city of Burlington, as a site for the State University, would have been justified, if for no other reason, because of the natural beauties of the place. Burlington is built on a hillside, sloping gently down to Lake Champlain. Its streets are broad and well shaded, commanding beautiful views.

The University is placed on the very summit of the hill. From the top of its main building one can look down upon the other buildings of the University and the city of Burlington, while to the east are the Green Mountains, extending north and south as far as the eye can reach, with Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump not far distant. To the west is Lake Champlain, beyond the waters of which the Adirondack Mountains rise range above range against the sky. As Professor Goodrich has said, in his article upon the University, "The mere panorama outspread here before the boy's gaze is an educating influence. He must have a dull heart and an irresponsive brain, if his four years' residence in constant view of one of the fairest of earth's landscapes of river, lake and valley, and the pomps of sunrise and sunset over distant mountain ranges, do not refine his thoughts, elevate his ambitions, kindle his imagination, and fill his memory with pictures destined to be 'a joy forever,' his mind with high aims that 'wake to perish never.'"

The main college building faces the west, and stretching in front of it are about twenty acres of greenest lawn, dotted with trees and shrubs, and broken by numerous paths. Besides this main building, familiarly known as the "Mill," the other buildings of the university are the Williams Science Hall; the Billings Library; the Museum; Converse Hall, the men's dormitory; Grassmount, the women's dormitory; the Gymnasium and Base-ball Cage, together with the home of the President and three other

beautiful homes, built for the use of the professors of the University. In addition there are the buildings of the Medical, Agricultural and Engineering departments, those of the last department including machine and carpenter shops, a foundry and a forge shop. The greater number of the buildings, many of which are gifts from the University's own alumni, have been erected in the last fifteen years.

Grassmount is about a block away from the other buildings. It is an old-fashioned mansion which was bought by the University, and opened for its present purpose in 1895. It is surrounded by a high hedge, and with its large grounds forms a most attractive home. Here it is that, for the last few years, an out-of-door play has been presented by the college girls in June.

The Williams Science Hall was designed for the use of the three departments of Chemistry, Physics, and Biology. It is a large fire-proof building and contains, besides laboratories, lecture rooms, and offices, a hall with a seating capacity of about two hundred. The laboratories are thoroughly equipped, large and light, and from their windows may be seen, in all directions, the beautiful views which come to mean so much to the students, during the four years of college life.

The fourth story of this building has recently been fitted up to contain the Pringle herbarium, which has lately come into possession of the University. Mr. Cyrus G. Pringle is the official collector of plants for Harvard University, but he also holds the title of Curator of the Herbarium of the University of Vermont. For many years Mr. Pringle has been making trips to Mexico and elsewhere, for the purpose of collecting specimens, trips which have resulted in the addition of many new species to the plants already known to science. He still continues these trips, but his headquarters are here in the fourth story of the Science Hall, where, by his kindly presence and his wide knowledge, he is a constant inspiration to the students. Mr. Pringle sent out last year to universities all over the

world, fifty thousand specimens, and these will be returned in exchanges to increase his already large herbarium.

The Billings Library is a stone building designed by Henry H. Richardson. The spacious interior, 195 feet in length, beautified by carving in wood and stone; the heavy draperies, the two great fire-places; the tall clock with a chime like that of distant bells; the large tables covered with magazines; the alcoves lined with books; the apse, upon the walls of which each departing class leaves its banner, — all these things contribute to make the Library a most attractive place. The building is open from half past eight in the morning until six o'clock in the evening, and about it much of the college life centers. Here the majority of the students come for the hours between their recitation periods, and here at Commencement time its usual quiet is interrupted, when the tables are removed and the long building is gay with dancers at the Senior Promenade. At that time the scene from the galleries is one of the prettiest of the college year.

In the work of the University the elective system is in use, with the exception of the Freshman year, when all the required hours are filled with prescribed work. Courses are offered in the Languages, ancient and modern; Literature, History and Sociology, Philosophy, Chemistry and Physics, Plant and Animal Biology, Geology, Mathematics, Economics, and International and Constitutional Law; besides the special courses in the departments of Medicine, Agriculture, and Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical engineering. To the professors, by whom these courses are given, many a student feels that he owes a life-long debt of gratitude for the inspiration gained from them in the class room, while the opportunity which comes to every student, of knowing many of them personally, is one of the greatest benefits gained in college days.

The student life is probably much the same as that in any University. Base-ball, foot-ball, basket-ball and tennis claim attention at their respective seasons, and in the



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last few years much interest has been felt in intercollegiate debates. There are various clubs, such as the Green and Gold Debating Club, the Histrionic Develings, the Cotillion Club, the Botanical Club and others in the different departments.

At the next Commencement will be held the centennial celebration of the University. One of the professors has this year been placed in charge of the raising of the million dollar fund which, at the last Commencement, the alumni voted to raise. This fund, which is to be known as the Centennial Endowment Fund, will be a great aid to the University in her further progress. So every loyal son and daughter of the University, believing in her bright future, as they are proud of her noble past, sings once more the old refrain,

"Hail to thee our Alma Mater
Noble old U. V."

ETA ALUMNAE.

THE QUESTION OF A KAPPA ALPHA THETA SCHOLARSHIP

The advent of new alumnae chapters and the interest evidenced by the "old girls," many of whom have long since laid aside college life with its ideals for the workaday practical life, is very encouraging and gratifying, and leads us to believe that loyalty to Theta is not a matter of mere girlish enthusiasm and college spirit, but a deeper influence generated by all that Theta means.

Would it serve to unite the alumnae and active members, were we to establish closer ties between them, to have a definite, tangible and common object to work for? I have long thought that we, as a fraternity, should make some decided effort to establish a *K A Θ* scholarship.

A scholarship should be considered rather an honor than a charity. Abroad this is so and the feeling is growing in America. It should not mean to indicate the merely poor and necessitous, but any who, possessing distinguished ability, may not be in circumstances to obtain such high degree of education as will fit them to hold the best positions in educational departments open to women.

This scholarship should be founded and maintained by the fraternity, open only to one of its members, and would seem to embody an ambition worthy of our fraternity, which holds high scholarship as one of its ideals. It should be given, it seems to me, preferably to one who intended to teach, who was a graduate of acknowledged excellence in one or more departments of literature or science.

The appointment would have to be a part of the work of the Convention, or a committee could be appointed by the Convention to whom applications for admission to candidature might be made, or the chapters might rotate for

admission to candidature. The candidate might be approved either on thesis or by general examination.

Original research and work, whether it be in science, literature or art should be one of the claims that would receive recognition in appointment.

The money for this object could be raised by subscription from among *all* Thetas and thereafter an initiatory tax could be levied to add to the principal. If it is desirable or practical to establish such a scholarship we should begin at once to collect for the principal. It may be a matter of many years before we accomplish a desirable end, but if the fund is created, if we have even a little money invested, the interest could be added to the principal and thus assist in helping the sum to grow, until it would be sufficiently large to be of material benefit.

The benefit to the individual is but one of many advantages which would accrue from a Theta scholarship. In extending invitations, the fact that we had a scholarship to offer would certainly be a very great point to our advantage. It should be considered the highest honor that can come to a Theta to receive the scholarship. Among colleges where the advisability of allowing fraternities was considered, we surely would be at an advantage if we could prove so conclusively our regard for high scholarship. Almost any college faculty would appreciate such a spirit.

Either a foreign or traveling scholarship for graduates would be a desirable form. An application would not have to be made the year after graduation, but if an alumna had been teaching and felt the necessity for further study and wanted to apply, she should be eligible.

It would be a wonderfully beautiful thing to be the recipient of such a scholarship—it would be an inspiration to know that hundreds of loyal sisters were glad and interested in one's success and ability.

I believe that there is no chapter in our fraternity which does not have some one among its members to whom such help would make all the difference between accom-

plishment and despair. We want our members to hold the highest positions eligible to women. Let us all give a helping hand toward this end.

JOSEPHINE COOK LIPPINCOTT.
Iota Alumnae.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER—GAMMA DISTRICT

According to the ruling of the 1903 Convention, Gamma District, heretofore limited to the State of California, is to include all states west of the Rockies.

This to us of the district is significant in many ways. To the New Yorker or New Englander "out West" is commonly now, even as it was fifty years ago, a picturesque vagueness somewhere beyond the limits of the well-established and reachable order of things. Pittsburg, Minneapolis, Chicago, St. Louis, Tuscon, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles — are all more or less "out West." But who has her geography so at her mental finger-tips that Denver and Butte, Austin and Tacoma respond to the call of her mind, with definite pictures, as the sound, with the impression it evokes, follows the musician's light touch of the keys? Few of us, alas! unless we have reinforced map study with days and nights on a flying train, sociably instructed in memorable bits of landscape by a dusky and conversational soul, who presided over berth-making, and if he liked you, honored you with his stool in the rear vestibule, and watched "fo' the ve'y places yeh'd laik 't' kotch on y' kodak, Miss!"

It is not for a Westerner to boom her native strand, we know — but who, born and grown here, with open reaching space in which to fling out her arms, with the piney or the salty exhilaration in her nostrils, with the fields of flowers, stretches of green woods, or beauty of bare, ruddy earth stretching infinitely to purple peaks, — who is not aware, with her youth and Western crudeness, of possibilities of womanhood as infinite as the distant mountains; of aspirations, nature-born and nature-nourished, as high as the stars in the vast open spaces, as vigorous as the rushing blood in her veins! The West has great possibilities, and

to back these she has great capabilities; and what is true of the country is singularly true of her girls.

Far more of us than the proportion of equally situated Eastern girls, and every year increasingly more, look forward to a university education. Here we are practically untrammelled by the co-educational question; our material is so great, the preparatory problem does not vex us, and in our great state institutions the question of expense should not be a killing burden. We rent our chapter houses, own and yearly add to our furniture, pay our taxes and insurance, and hope some day to buy a lot and own building and all. Our alumnae chapters, — there is one in Los Angeles for the State, and a club near each University, for Omega and Phi respectively — are strong, cheery, practical and helpful bodies.

But since your ruling of the Minneapolis convention, we are beginning to think seriously of what the new Gamma District may be to you. We have not forgotten that for two years your Chief Executive, and that other extremely responsible officer, the Grand Secretary, have come from not merely "the West," but from Gamma District. We straighten with pardonable pride at the result of your election in Minneapolis, and every individual girl of the active chapters of Phi and Omega is trying with an added sense of responsibility to be worthy of the honor you have done Ednah Wickson and Pearle Green, and in all things to have you feel that Gamma is not only aware of the honor, but proudly appreciative of it.

The time will doubtless come when Phi and Omega, these two older children of Gamma District, will receive a flock of little sisters. Distances in the West are 'magnificent,' you know. For a five days' Thanksgiving vacation we gayly board a train to go, and to return, five hundred miles, and not on passes, either! We, two of the older, income-provided, and established Universities realize that in the young state-institutions of the North and Northwest, of the West and Southwest, are developing some of the

important factors of Western life. Already, progressive with the daring and faith of which only the West is capable, some of these younger institutions are asking sister-ship with us. Once fairly started, these institutions will not retrograde; the educational matter is one of vital pride to Western people: they provide handsome grammar and high schools, with latest play-grounds and improvements and the most efficient teachers they can secure. When these children are grown up, and look for higher things, you may rest assured that the tax-paying parents will begin to force ample Legislative appropriations for the state universities. Such has been but recently the case of Washington. The increasing tendency in the West is to educate its young people *at home*, and the day of Eastern college tradition is passing. As society crystallizes and advantages increase, supply will meet demand.

Wherefore, given the existing conditions stated as true ones, watch carefully your Gamma District. Our old cry of "isolation" is rapidly dying out, for railway facilities, mid-Convention Council, and a Western Grand President have done much to hush it. If we do not have the perplexing problems that many Eastern chapters have to attack, undoubtedly Fate gives us compensation in others. As the eldest in this district, and two thousand miles from the nearest chapter, we naturally feel a certain responsibility as to future extension. With the thought of this probable extension at some future time comes the desirability of a wider, more exact knowledge of the growth and possibilities of these new state universities.

Should this flock of new state universities begin to ask representation from us, the requests will probably be almost simultaneous, and delay may handicap our future. If you are willing to inform yourselves generally as to the condition of growing state institutions in this district, and if, when the occasion arises, we are ourselves in a condition to be willing to take a business man's risk, I feel that generally the having will be worth the venture. Though much in

the North- and Southwest is at present in solution, the solution itself will be rapid, once under way, for there is something in Western air that tends to a rapid yet healthful growth. What our prudence has dictated under previous conditions, may not hold within the next few years, and the exception may prove the better method.

When these questions actually arise, we may be capped and knitting, and peaceful old ladies, but somehow I fancy we shall merely be alert young matrons, with the educations of our little Jacks and Jills emphasizing our interest in *K A Θ* and that the body politic, strengthened by many wise measures since my own little day, fresh in the youth that eternal girlhood shall give it, pure with the purpose of ideals that never die, shall be greater than ever in its scope, its force, and its usefulness.

Another thing, remember that we of Gamma District nearly all boast that parentage which a well-known Easterner called "the finest stock on God's earth to-day, sir!" New England, New York or Southern parentage grafted long ago into Western life, accepting its youth and crudities, proud of its progress, faith and independence, infusing into its young strength and inexperience their integrity, conscience and culture. With such a background, with such environment, with such a foreground of ideals as the womanhood of *K A Θ* presents, should not your Western chapters justify their promise and produce a type of woman that in heart, intellect and stature may be of heroic proportions, and be serviceable as a type of American daughterhood, wifehood, and motherhood?

MARION CRINS WHIPPLE.



WILLIAMS SCIENCE HALL.

Διαλεγόμεθα

Iota's Inter-Fraternity Compact

We of Iota, knowing of the deep interest in inter-fraternity compacts felt by all our sister chapters, wish to tell them of the success of our latest struggle with the evils of rushing.

The inter-fraternity compact has been tried here with more or less success in past years, always with the heartiest co-operation of Iota Chapter, but of late years no such combined attempt of the fraternities to regulate rushing has been made. Therefore last May the news of an approaching compact was heralded with joy.

Delegates from Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi and Kappa Alpha Theta (Delta Gamma alone refusing to join), met and drew up a compact: (1) setting asking day for November sixth and giving a uniform invitation blank; (2) prohibiting discussion of fraternities with the entering girls; (3) limiting each fraternity to one party a week; (4) excluding all functions such as dances and drag-rides; and (5) appointing an advisory council of two alumnae from each fraternity.

This fall, printed slips, announcing the names of the three fraternities in the compact and the date of asking day, were deposited in various convenient places, for the benefit of the Freshmen.

By individual rushing, we learned to know the girls whom we wished to invite to our weekly parties, — and here we would like to mention the kindness of our alumnae in generously throwing open their homes for these rushing parties. Gradually the list of favored ones decreased and,

at the end of four weeks, affairs began to assume a settled aspect. It was no unusual sight to see two good friends in different fraternities rushing together. As the end of the allotted time approached, it was inevitable that an undercurrent of excitement should be felt, but to the last moment and ever since, there was no violation of either the letter or the spirit of our compact.

Though by no means perfect, the compact of this Fall was a long step in the right direction. There is already a plan afoot for a similar compact for the Fall of 1904 and we are fondly dreaming of a day when the four women's fraternities at Cornell may gain new members by methods in accord with the highest Pan-Hellenic ideals.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

Some Theta Customs

While our fraternity life in general is the same from Maine to California, at the Convention last summer I learned from delegates of customs in the different chapters that were of interest to me. It may be equally interesting to those who could not be at the Convention to know what some of these customs are.

In one chapter, the seniors, shortly before graduation, are "breakfasted" and each presented with a silver spoon engraved with the letters *K A Θ*. Some chapters present Phi Beta Kappa keys to all their winners.

The custom of "Freshman fagging" is old in many chapters. The new girl must serve the older one in some way; in Chapter houses it is usually to answer the door bell, or phone, or post letters and distribute the mail; she must give up her chair, if need be, and sit upon the floor during meetings. The Tau Freshmen provide a Christmas tree on which each girl in the chapter is to put some gift for the chapter "hall." At Alpha, the initiates are soon informed of a time-honored entertainment to the fraternity early in the year. The display of originality and individuality in place-cards, menu,

and entertainment are often surprising and always pleasing to the older girls. Then to let the Freshmen "see themselves as others see them" in some sort of a show is a part of the annual program.

One chapter honors the chapter birthday with appropriate gifts to the house, another with a banquet.

Among other customs that appealed to me was one practiced by a number of the chapters, — that of holding interfraternity teas, and receptions for the college faculty once a year. In most colleges the active girls are closely associated with the alumnae; at Tau one meeting each month is held especially for the alumnae, and Alpha Gamma gives a monthly spread to her alumnae chapter.

We nearly all remember Founder's Day in some way, with a reception, a banquet, a class play, or simply the wearing of our colors. I'm glad that there is to be some uniformity this year in the observance of this day. The Alpha girls made Miss Downey's funeral day a memorial, and visited the graves of their dead here in Forest Hill, marking each of the eleven graves with roses and fraternity colors. How would it do to make Founder's Day a memorial also?

RUTH BAKER,
Alpha.

An Incentive

In this corner of the Journal, sacred to the informal interchange of suggestions and ideas among Thetas, I thought it might not be amiss to speak of a custom, small though it may seem, which we of Alpha Beta have revived after a lapse of a few years. It is simply this — at the beginning of each semester one of our number is chosen to confer with the registrar of the college, and to make a report, at regular intervals, of the standing in classes, of each girl in the chapter. The wisdom of such a plan is obvious from the first. Naturally, no girl relishes the thought of having a

poor record brought to her notice in the presence of her fraternity sisters. Such a disgrace would be hard enough to shoulder before the active chapter alone, but suppose there should be, perchance, some alumnae or visiting Thetas at the meeting? From experience Alpha Beta has learned the wisdom of this plan, and we have great confidence in its future success.

, MILLO MARIE MCCAIN,
Alpha Beta.

An Episode

Once upon a time, as the old fairy books say, Rho Chapter gave a reception to introduce their six new pledges to the fraternity men. After the guests had left and the girls had all decided in animated conversation that they never had enjoyed a reception so much, quiet gradually settled down over the chapter house,—but it was not destined to last. Suddenly the door bell rang. The bravest maiden marched down stairs, opened the door, and saw before her—nothing but a market-basket! By this time, every girl in the house had assembled, and watched in great excitement, as this bravest maiden opened the basket. Out tumbled six blinking Maltese kittens, around each neck a big bow of gold and black ribbon, and fastened to the ribbon a card with the name of a Theta Freshman. In the bottom of the basket was a paper that read, "Congratulations to the Theta pledges." Even the Freshman who "just simply loathed cats" cuddled a kitten that night and it was unanimously agreed that the unknown guests had paid a very novel and pretty tribute to their hostesses.

RHO.

A Suggestion

This year when Lambda found herself settled in her new room, so conveniently near the center of college life,

several plans were discussed whereby the chapter might gain more pleasure and profit from her own little home than has been possible before now. Among them one seemed to us especially attractive and we hope it will soon be carried out.

Beside our regular Saturday evening meetings, we want to come together at the room, perhaps on Wednesday afternoons from four to six when the recitations are over, for an informal "at home" to all Thetas. The plan is to have readings, studying certain authors together; and bringing our sewing or other work. After the readings we will have five o'clock tea for all who care to come, and we hope that many of our alumnae who find that Saturday evening is too often a weary time will avail themselves of this afternoon meeting.

It is easy and pleasant to imagine such times, — the Theta comradeship, the good books, the jolly teas and first and last our well-loved song-books. Nor will it be hard to bring them about. A committee of two appointed weekly can manage the details with little trouble, and, once started, we think they will not be hard to continue.

To those who live in chapter houses, these cosy gatherings come as a matter of course. But to us who have not known that form of chapter life, they can only be brought about by some especial arrangement. But the slight trouble involved is amply repaid, and every such happy time serves to increase the love and loyalty that bind together all Thetas.

LAMBDA.

EDITORIALS

It is with much pride and pleasure that we welcome into Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Eta Chapter, of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. As the charter was granted just before the Journal went to press, we are of necessity limited to this brief announcement. The March Journal will contain particulars as to the University and the Phi Kappa Upsilon local society, which we now greet as Alpha Eta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

A happy and helpful New Year to every Theta, big and little! It is good to feel that such a host of best wishes are flying all over the country, from California to Vermont, ringing with love and fellowship. Yes, it is surely good to be a Theta! And just at this time of year we are all remembering with added tenderness and love the four splendid women who brought into existence this fraternity of ours, working indomitably against opposition and ridicule. January 27th, 1870—its meaning once learned, a date that can never be forgotten. On the 27th of this January, 1904, every chapter will commemorate Founders' Day with a uniform celebration, and it is hoped that this may become one of the dearest of our Theta customs.

A word of explanation and apology to Nu and Xi Alumnae chapters is in order. In the directory of the November Journal, these chapters were designated as being "not yet organized." The idea this term was intended to convey was that notification of their officers had not yet been sent to the Grand Council; an unfortunate term, however, inasmuch as it could be, and was, interpreted to mean that they had no regular organization as alumnae chapters, which idea is, of course, wholly false. These chapters had fulfilled all requirements as to previous organization which

are made of all alumnae chapters before their charters are granted.

The notice of alumnae chapter meetings is resumed in this issue of the Journal. It is hoped that all Thetas will avail themselves of every opportunity to attend the meetings of any chapter, should they be in the vicinity. Do not labor under the delusion that only enrolled members are welcome. The editor has been especially requested to extend, through the medium of the Journal, a general and urgent invitation, to one and all. Zeta Alumnae Chapter sends a very attractive little booklet, containing the programs of their meetings for the past year, and demonstrating on every page the vigorous, wide-awake activity of a thriving chapter. Any change of time or place of alumnae meetings should be sent to the Journal.

To these same alumnae chapters is due a very sincere vote of thanks for their co-operation with the management of the Journal. Their ready assistance and expenditure of precious time has by no means been unappreciated. It must be a constant source of inspiration to the active chapters to observe the loyalty, perseverance and unity of purpose existing among these busy women.

On another page of the Journal will be found an article on the subject of a Kappa Alpha Theta scholarship. The idea of such a project is still very young and unformulated and perhaps a wee bit afraid of itself. But any good thing is only strengthened and given confidence in itself by a little judicious airing. Probably no two chapters or individuals have just the same ideas as to the advisability or practical possibility of a scholarship, or as to the best methods of founding and maintaining it. Let us have all your ideas, and after many discussions and suggestions, we may at some future date formulate and carry out a practical plan for a Kappa Alpha Theta scholarship.

When the January issue of the Journal is delivered to the various members, there will probably come the cry from some of the new initiates, "Why didn't I get one too!" Please remember that no Journal can be sent without names and college addresses of new members. The names and home addresses given in the chapter reports are no guide whatever to the Journal mailing list.

A few years ago there appeared a little book by Charles Wagner of Paris, entitled "The Simple Life." Coming from a city which is the most striking antithesis to all ideas of simplicity, Wagner's message leads one to believe that, as he says, "Simplicity does not belong to such and such economic or social phase: rather, it is a spirit, able to vivify and modify lives of very different sorts." As we read his clear, forceful words, the futility of so pitifully much of our outside show and striving overwhelms us. Wagner is anything but an ascetic. He has firm faith in the healthy benefits of social intercourse, culture and pleasure. But the complex and artificial conditions which so often trammel our so-called pleasures, and even our needs, are vigorously denounced. "Simple thoughts, simple words, simple needs, simple pleasures" is his cry.

This editorial may seem rather out of place in a fraternity journal. It is not intended as a book review, but to lead up to the suggestion that no better book could be found for the bit of outside reading which every chapter should make a part of its meetings. Perhaps nowhere more than in college life is the modern complexity of existence so non-essential to real happiness, and the opportunities for demonstrating this truth are unlimited both in number and influence. As it is an admitted fact that the fraternities are the leading factors in the social life of a college, the responsibility of determining its character rests with them to a large degree. One of our fondest ambitions is that Kappa Alpha Theta shall always be above the petty shams and ambitions of purely social precedence; that in the college, the home,

the world, she shall always stand for all that is real and good and *vital*. To quote Wagner, "All the strength of the world and all its beauty, all true joy, everything that consoles, that feeds hope, or throws a ray of light along our dark paths, comes to us from people of simplicity, those who have made another object of their desires than the passing satisfaction of selfishness and vanity, and have understood that the art of living is to know how to give one's life"

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District

IOTA — CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Winter is upon us, and before we muffle ourselves in our furs, we wish to stop a bit and chat with our sister chapters. The fall, with its days crowded full of work and play, has passed quickly and pleasantly, as college days do.

On November fifth we gave a tea for Elizabeth Valentine, Cornell, 1902, a dear friend of the Theta girls, and Mrs. Kennedy, both of the "Everyman" company. Many of the Faculty and town ladies braved the stormy weather and, with us, forgot all else in welcoming back Miss Valentine and in meeting Mrs. Kennedy, who proved as charming off the stage as in the beautiful rôle of "Everyman." Not only did we have an opportunity of seeing "Everyman," but also "Twelfth Night," admirably acted in the old Elizabethan fashion.

Another enjoyable event in November was the short visit paid the chapter by Elva Hulburd Young, Iota, Law, '98.

Iota has always maintained that not quantity, but quality, goes for the making of a strong chapter. We are proud to introduce to our Theta sisters, Frances Fitch, of Buffalo, and Grace Russell Gilbert, of Brooklyn. Our beautiful initiation service, held on November twenty-first, was followed by a most delightful banquet given for us by Grace Caldwell Chamberlain, Iota '92, at her home on Central avenue. Besides our resident graduates, we were glad to have with us that night, Adelaide Young, '99, and Sara Jenney Gilbert Kerlin, ex-'02, who had come to welcome her sister Grace, as a Theta sister.

During the Thanksgiving recess, we very much enjoyed the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Kerlin, both of Cornell, 1902, not to mention visits from other "sisters and cousins

and aunts," boxes from home and many other good things.

Amid our holiday preparations, we send to each and every Theta, wishes for a happy New Year.

HELEN WILLOUGHBY UNDERWOOD.

LAMBDA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

How time flies! It hardly seems possible that it is nearing the time when the postman will hand us another Journal. The fall has brought Lambda many pleasant events, which, together with the daily duties, have made us both happy and busy.

First of all was initiation, which took place November 13th. On that "night of nights" we initiated four girls, and now are very glad to introduce our new Theta sisters, Mary Murphy, a Sophomore; and Margaret Harmon, Effie Wells and Gertrude Thompson, all Freshmen. We tried Convention plan at our banquet, by turning out the lights and sitting in the candle light while the toasts were given.

On Hallow'een the faculty gave a very enjoyable party to the students. It was held, as last year, in the Gymnasium, which was decorated with autumn leaves, and furnished with booths where the usual Hallow'een tricks and games were played.

Saturday afternoon, November twenty-first, Mrs. Robinson gave a delightful reception to the college girls at her home. While refreshments were being served, Mrs. Howes, just home from Europe, sang two beautiful selections.

Just at present the Sophomores are rejoicing in a victory gained over the Freshmen in the annual class foot-ball game. The girls attended in barges decorated with class colors, and carried a number of horns and banners.

With Thanksgiving gone and snowflakes in the air, it is impossible not to think of the approaching holidays with the vacation of three weeks, and then the old year will be gone. Looking forward to the new, Lambda sends warmest greetings and a Happy New Year to all.

H. ELIZABETH HOLMES.

CHI — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

If the Thetas of Chi were to send you a faithful account of the happenings of the last two months it would be, for the most part, a record of college routine. However, "quizzes" are not our sole dissipation.

The afternoon of November third we gave an "At Home" to our city friends and to the wives of the faculty. The day was perfect. The house and the girls were at their best. Formality was put in the background, so that it was truly a pleasure to make new acquaintances and renew old ones.

On the Friday before the Thanksgiving vacation we received a dainty note from Alpha of Alpha Phi inviting Chi to a thimble party, Monday afternoon. Of course every Theta who possibly could go, was there, and we had just the chattiest, jolliest sort of a time with the splendid girls of Alpha Phi.

The chapter house has never before been so appreciated as this year, since so many of the old members have been to visit us. We feel that this is home.

Soon, however, we are to admit new members into our family, and these we hope to introduce to you in the next issue of the Journal. For the present, and this is the best news we have to tell you, we are lavishing our love and advice on our one Freshman Theta, Martha Allen, of Oneida, New York.

MARY L. COOK.

ALPHA BETA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Christmas and New Year greetings to every Theta, everywhere. We at Swarthmore have very little of moment to tell about ourselves — since our strict rushing regulation went into effect in the early fall, Alpha Beta has literally folded her hands and gone into winter quarters. Our football season ended with the last flicker from the wonderful bonfire in celebration of our victory over Haverford, which has become almost an annual affair of late. Now all our

thoughts are pointed toward Christmas. Every rainy afternoon nowadays sees the Thetas gathered at industrious sewing bees, and soon the tops of everyone's closets will be mysterious with brown paper bundles, for on the 21st we are to have our famous "tree." The tree itself is strictly a product of home industry, cut down and dragged in from the woods back of the college, and bedecked with tinsel and Christmas tree balls and the most ridiculous-looking bundles of every imaginable size and shape.

Besides our own Christmas party, we are to have a Christmas supper on December 11th, in which the Freshmen are to be included. I need only tell you that this is our only rushing privilege for the year, and you will be assured that Alpha Beta will get on a few extra frills on that occasion. All Alpha Beta's talents have been called upon, from our two artists who designed the invitations and the big pansy table-cards, to our tastiest cook who has concocted the menu.

By the time this message reaches you the new year will be on its way, — somewhere under its wings it has hidden a New Year gift to *K A Θ*, our little sister chapter at Vanderbilt. Our sincere love and best wishes to them, may they find a warm welcome in our fraternity!

MARGUERITE CAMPION.

ALPHA DELTA — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Since the last Journal letter Alpha Delta has been rejoicing in the possession of two dear Sophomore sisters, Ella Wood Miller and Mina Jeannette Miller, of Pittsburg; and it is with great gladness that we introduce them to the Theta world.

As the date of our pledge day is in April, and Pan Hellenic rules are very strict, rushing here is being done in a quiet way. There are fine girls in our Freshman class, and we hope to give to Theta several loyal pledglings by next Spring.

Our interests in college affairs are centered mainly in

our Senior Dramatics, which occur on the eleventh and twelfth of December, and our basket ball, in which Theta is well represented.

Last month Prof. Pearson of Swarthmore charmed us all with his rendition of several of James Whitcomb Riley's selections.

Christmas is almost here, and we will give the vacation it brings a hearty welcome after the hard work of the past months.

Alpha Delta sends heartiest wishes for a "Happy New Year" to every Theta far and near.

MARY A. HOUGH.

ALPHA EPSILON — BROWN UNIVERSITY

Now after living for nearly a term with Brown students and our own chapter of Thetas, I am glad to report to the larger body what we have been doing.

Early in the fall, as soon as the rushing season closed, the four classes at Brown formed basket ball teams, and since then have practised industriously, each hoping to win the trophy cup, for which they compete every fall, and which was won this year by the Sophomores.

Now that this competition is over, the interest of the student body is turned to the débüt of the seniors, the occasion upon which they first wear their caps and gowns. The departure of our Dean for Rome is also worthy of note.

As for us of Alpha Epsilon, we have lived a quiet, uneventful fraternity life, uneventful with the exception of initiation. At that time we were so fortunate as to have with us two Alumnæ from other chapters, Miss Huntington, of Phi, and Miss Pugh, of Kappa, who gave us some ideas concerning rushing. One other mild diversion we enjoyed one evening at the home of one of our Alumnæ. Aside from this, our days have passed quietly, our weekly meetings being held at the homes of different girls. These meetings

are becoming very "educational" in character. Good luck to all Thetas when examination day comes.

SARA DEVEAUX PACKARD.

ALPHA ZETA — BARNARD COLLEGE

The season has been a busy one at Barnard. A number of very pleasant social affairs have been given, some to entertain the Freshmen, others for the entire college.

The first function of the year was the Y. W. C. A. reception to Freshmen and other new students, which was given in Earl Hall, on September 30th. It succeeded well in getting the guests acquainted with the older girls and with each other.

The Juniors entertained the Freshmen with a circus on October 5th; then came the "Mysteries," when the Sophomores, in caps, gowns and masks, held initiatory rites for the new class. On October 23d, the Seniors gave 1907 a play, "My Awful Chum," which spoke well for the dramatic ability of 1904.

These class functions were followed by larger affairs for all. The first Undergraduate Tea was given early in November, and some ten days later the Deutscher Kreis gave a play, "Er Muss Taub Sein."

There are chapters of Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta at Barnard this year, which, with Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Theta Pi, and Kappa Alpha Theta, make six in all. The addition of these chapters, in increasing the fraternity element, is likely to make some difference in rushing, in the attitude of fraternity to non-fraternity students, and in the relations of Greeks with one another.

Alpha Phi has been giving a series of teas this fall. Every month, on successive Wednesdays, the chapter is at home to each of the four classes. On November 10th, Theta gave an informal tea at the fraternity apartment to Alpha Phi and Delta Delta Delta, and entertained Kappa Kappa Gamma on December 7th in the same way. A tea was also given on December 9th for Dean Gill.

Miss Ruth Paxson, the National Students' Traveling Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., visited Barnard early in December. Miss Paxson is a fraternity woman, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During her stay she conducted an inter-fraternity meeting. This was a new thing for Barnard, but perhaps more such gatherings will follow.

Alpha Zeta's apartment in the vicinity of the college has afforded us great pleasure this year. We have been enabled to have Freshmen and other friends with us more than ever before. We have two new Theta sisters to introduce — Elizabeth Bradford, who was pledged when the last chapter letter was sent, and Anne Greene, who entered the Junior class from Bryn Mawr in September. We have had the pleasure of knowing, and having with us at our meetings, Sarah Dean, Amy Burt, and Anna Clark, of Lambda Chapter, all of whom are taking courses at Teachers' College. As Barnard has a late asking day, no Freshmen have yet been pledged.

HELEN W. COOLEY.

Beta District

ALPHA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

May the New Year be the best, the happiest, and the most prosperous in Theta's history! There have been two or three events of especial interest to us since our last letter to the Journal. Just before the Thanksgiving recess Alpha entertained about eighty-five of the college men, the only large function we have given since the rushing season closed. The chief entertainment was an exhibition by the "Seven Sutherland Sisters" of hair-dye fame; each of the seven, with her wonderful growth of artificial tresses, had her specialty, all advertising the magic restorer. The program was entirely original, and gave opportunity for local hits with witty verses, songs and testimonials.

The most important event in the whole year, or I might say, in the history of the University, was the inauguration

of our new president, Dr. Edwin Holt Hughes, which occurred the second week in December. Presidents from colleges and universities all over the country and many church officials were present, besides a large number of the alumni of our own University. The Seniors and the Faculty (the latter for the first time) appeared in the academic cap and gown. The main features were an immense parade of Faculty, Board of Trustees, Alumni and students; a musical concert given by the students; a reception for Dr. Hughes in the main college building given by the four collegiate classes; addresses by a number of eminent men, among them Dr. William McDowell, of New York City; an exhibit in the Art School; and the inauguration proper on Wednesday, December 9th. On that occasion, addresses were made by Senator Beveridge, Dr. Bashford, President of Ohio Wesleyan University, and Dr. Hughes. Senator Beveridge, an alumnus of DePauw, was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa the evening before the inauguration. It was a series of most impressive ceremonies, and the four days vacation was thoroughly enjoyed by the student body.

Our chapter has been widely extended this year, and made to reach from Japan to South America. Margaretta Nutt, '02, was married November 7th, to N. Wilbur Helm, '99. They sailed for Japan December 12th, where Mr. Helm is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work.

Bertha Wood, one of our last year's seniors, has by this time reached her home in Lima, Peru, after a stay of five years in the States. No girl has ever left our chapter more endeared to our hearts than Bertha.

One great sorrow has come to us in the death of our dear Miss Downey. Though known personally to but few of the active girls, she was loved by us all as one of our most loyal Thetas and distinguished Alumnae. A sketch of her life appears in this number of the Journal.

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a visit from Ada Campbell, '99. She is now attending a Bible School in New York City, preparing herself for Y. W. C. A. work.

We are now launched into the stern realities of college life, for the dreaded "finals" are upon us!

RUTH BAKER.

BETA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Since our exciting and strenuous "rush" in the fall we have settled down to work with the determination to make Theta first in scholarship this year as well as in all other lines of college activity. One of our girls has been admitted this term to "Strut and Fret," the college dramatic club, and two others have become associate members, making our membership five in all. We have one representative in "Goethe Gesellschaft" and two in "Sketchers," the art club.

This does not mean, however, that we have foresworn society. Quite to the contrary, for the term has been unusually gay. Our annual open meeting was held at the home of Maude Showers, and was one of the most enjoyable formal receptions we have ever given. Several of the "old girls" visited us at the time; Mrs. Ledam, of Indianapolis, Minnie Oswalt, of Anderson, Ethel Rogers, of Cincinnati, and Carrie Forkner, of Newcastle. We have been unusually fortunate in the number of visits we have received from our alumnae; Mrs. Bradley, of New York City; Mrs. Gifford, of Tipton, Indiana; Mrs. Daily, of Bluffton; Mrs. Perrill, of Martinsville; Mrs. Giles, of Marion; Mrs. Rogers, of Cincinnati; Miss Flora Purviance, of Huntington; and Miss Selma Stempel. And, too, we greatly enjoyed meeting the girls from Alpha who came to Bloomington for the De Pauw-Indiana foot-ball game. We are always delighted to have them with us. Beta sends best wishes to her sister chapters for a happy and prosperous New Year.

MARGARET SNODGRASS.

EPSILON — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

The ice and the snow, the skating and the coasting remind us that already the year is far spent. The time for

another chapter letter recalls several interesting things which have happened since two months ago.

Two of our number went to the State Y. W. C. A. Convention at Oberlin, Ohio, in November. There we found six other Thetas all attending Oberlin College; two who were at Wooster two and three years ago, Jane and May Corbett; "the twins" from Madison, Wisconsin, Edna and Edith Clark; and two from Indiana University, Mrs. Bogard, wife of an Oberlin professor, and another who did not attend the fraternity meeting which we held one afternoon at the home of Miss May Corbett. We had, to put it mildly, "a picnic" that afternoon. We were busy talking of ourselves and one another until refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

In October, Epsilon received a visit from Mary Anderson, formerly of Rochester, Pa., now of Dayton, Ohio. At the Thanksgiving season, Bertha Warren, who was a Sophomore Theta here last year, came down from Cleveland to spend a few days with her parents in Wooster.

On December fifth the Freshmen will matriculate, and on the following Wednesday evening we expect to initiate Mary Elder, of Wooster. The name of Helen Butterfield, of Piqua, O., who was initiated last June, was omitted in the last letter.

One of our pledged girls who went home to Kenton, O., to spend Thanksgiving, was invited to attend a Theta luncheon. Some of the guests thought the pledgling full-fledged and gave her the grip! However she says she "wasn't noticing and can't remember," so we are safe.

A happy New Year to Kappa Alpha Theta.

GRACE HUNTER.

ETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The most important thing that has happened with us in the last two months is our initiation. It was more delightful than usual to us because so many of the '03 girls came back for the event. We had nine seniors last year, and

their welcome at this time was in proportion to the loss we felt when they graduated.

The day of initiation was also that of the Michigan-Wisconsin football game. Such a crowd of wildly cheering enthusiasts has not been seen on Ferry Field since the championship game last year between Michigan and Minnesota. We all admired Wisconsin's plucky team as well as the tireless "rooting" of its adherents.

At the game some of us from the top of the bleachers looked down over the crowd, to see Laura Eames, '02, looking up at us. She seemed to have dropped from the skies, so sudden was the apparition. No one knew of her coming except one faithful member of the Senior class, who cannot be sufficiently commended for her ability to keep a secret.

That night forty-five Thetas with our chaperones sat down to the banquet. In the course of the evening, Laura Eames, in her mother's name, invited the entire chapter, past, present and to come, to visit her at her home in St. Louis during the exposition, and she wants us all at once! So Eta expects a reunion at St. Louis the first week in July.

The grand finale of the evening was the announcement by Helen Post of the engagement of her sister Myra, our former Grand President, to Mr. William Cady, of Detroit.

On Hallowe'en a frolicsome spirit seized the girls and we gave a children's party to ourselves. At this function little girls with long curls or pig tails and big dolls danced with fascinating little kilted or sailor suited boys. We liked "dressing up" so well that we are going to do it again before the holidays. Late in October, we gave our annual party to introduce the Freshmen. We have two new pledges, Jessie and Ethel Obetz, of Detroit.

MABEL MASON.

MU — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

That two months have passed since the last letter was written, seems impossible; how that time has been occupied

is a mystery! The calendar is the only proof for the former; the stack of history reports, psychology papers, English themes, etc., a partial solution of the latter,—partial, I say, for there has been much play along with the hard work. The contract plan adopted among the girls' fraternities at Allegheny has necessarily caused many more social functions than there otherwise would have been.

About the middle of October, on one perfect Autumn day, twelve Thetas, six new girls, and eighteen boys, went off to the woods for a picnic. We started about ten o'clock in the morning, rode two or three miles out of town, then walked a mile or so further into the woods, and finally camped in a chestnut grove, where we built a fire and prepared dinner. We stayed until the sun went down, having put in the time chestnutting and playing games.

Foot ball games and other college functions followed, occupying our attention, to say nothing of the numerous spreads, luncheons and drives. Early in November came our term party. November the third, Kappa Alpha Theta entertained at the home of Jennie Brawley—an alumna of the class of '02. The party was called "An Autumn Stroll with *K A Θ*," and the name partially explains the nature of it. Around the house, upstairs and down, were to be found things that one would naturally find on an autumn stroll. There were sixty or seventy of these—in enigmatical form, of course, to be guessed and written down. A prize was given for guessing the largest number of these. There were also "nuts to be cracked." Conundrums were written on slips of paper and tied to chestnuts which were hung in various places. To say this party was a success seems unnecessary; too soon came ten-thirty, the time when "Hulings Hall girls" have to depart.

We have one new Theta to introduce,—Effie Milleren of Reynoldsville, Pa.,—who was in the preparatory school last year and has obtained Freshman seating this term. As our "asking day" is January the eleventh, we shall be able to give a complete list of new Thetas in the next issue of the Journal.

LETTIE JOHNSTON.

PI — ALBION COLLEGE

Winter is here in earnest and soon will come examinations—then the Holiday vacation. Pi chapter sends a “Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year” to each and every one of her Theta sisters. A number of things have come to pass since we last wrote. Since our Fall term initiation we are able to introduce to the Theta world the following girls, of whom we are most proud: Nani Keith Beau Ransom, Calla Wilbur, Belle Blowers, and Hazelle Penoyao. Keith Ransom is the wife of our new Art instructor, is a graduate of Vassar, and is taking post-graduate work in the College. We cannot express how glad we are to have her for a Theta sister, and she is proving a great inspiration to our chapter. After this initiation we had an informal spread and a good talk. The presence of two of our “old girls,” Theo Gardner Parker and Lena Hunt, added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

On Hallowe'en we united a rushing party and our informal term party, to which men are invited. We expended a great deal of time on the decoration of the Lodge and were more than repaid by its appearance when we finished. On the landing of the stairway stood a giant, whose head was a Jack-o'-lantern, with a peaked hat. He was draped in white and presented a formidable appearance. The portieres had been taken down and strings of apples and ears of corn were substituted. In the corners of the reception room were shocks of corn surrounded by pumpkins, and ears of corn with their husks were suspended from every conceivable place. No lights were lit except those in the Jack-o'-lanterns and candles, while a roaring fire in the fire place shed a glow over faces and hearts. The dining room walls and ceiling were hung in white and were covered with myrtle. The walls in the reception room were hung with mirrors, which reflected the lights in a wierd fashion. All kinds of fortune telling were engaged in, and Hallowe'en games took up the remaining part of the evening.

On Friday evening, December eleventh, Belle Blowers

entertains the chapter with a "Pot Luck" party. We anticipate a splendid time, as we know her ability as a hostess.

We were all much saddened by the death of Dr. Wood, who held the chair of Mathematics in the College. Our hearts go out with sympathy to the bereaved family.

As the result of an earnest talk at our last Fraternity meeting we girls of Pi chapter have resolved to go into a Literary Society, which has run down from lack of interest, and endeavor to help build it up, not as a clique of Fraternity girls, but as a group of College women, who realize their need of active literary work. Mrs. Olt of Chicago and Mrs. Keenan, two of Pi's charter members, were with us and helped us in our decision.

We are striving, as individuals and as a Chapter, to make of ourselves well-rounded, fully developed College women, who will be a credit to our Fraternity—"Vive la *KΑΘ*."

GENEVIEVE M. POPE.

ALPHA GAMMA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Well, you dear girls, I have just been reading all over again your last chapter letters—and what a happy prosperous time Kappa Alpha Theta seems to be having everywhere. Three cheers for us!

Alpha Gamma's "coming-out" party for the new girls at Maroe Sater's home is now a thing of the past, but it is one of those things that we shall always remember with a contented smile. A formal reception, you see, is given early in the year to introduce our Freshmen to the college world. This party is also an opportunity for us to meet the members of the Faculty in a social way. This season two hundred invitations were sent out and—well, there were very few regrets!

Another thing of which we are very proud, is our new fraternity room. We moved last month from the old one where we used to have so many happy times at the home of Mary Loren. As she graduated last June, and is no longer in the active chapter, it was thought best to pick up

our pillows, books, and candlesticks, and "silently steal away." In fact, we stole quite far away, about five miles, out in the other end of town to May Siebert's home. The new "Kat Attic" is a cosy, warm-tinted room with cushions and pennants galore, so dear to a college girl's heart. Every Saturday we have fraternity meeting from four until seven, and two of us cook on the chafing dish for a five o'clock tea. Doesn't that sound attractive? Indeed it makes us feel for a minute just as if we were living in a chapter house. That is our castle in Spain, however; as we all live in town a Theta house is out of the question. May all you fortunate Thetas who have houses, appreciate them. However, we are so happy with our cheery "Kat Attic" and our afternoon teas, that we wish you all could share them with us.

Alice A. Thacker.

KAPPA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

After a Thanksgiving recess of five days crowded full of good times, Kansas University re-opened December first. All of Kappa's girls were back on time ready for three weeks of hard work before the Christmas holidays.

Nearly all of our chapter was in Kansas City for the big foot ball game on Thanksgiving day, when the Jayhawkers' successful season culminated in another victory over the Missouri Tigers. The day after the game, those Thetas who were enjoying the hospitality of their Kansas City sisters, and their hostesses lunched together at Emery Bird's tea room to rejoice in "old K. U.'s" victory.

Since our last letter to the Journal we have had our annual fall dance, October 5th, in honor of our pledges. A little later, we pinned the colors on Louise Barker of Girard, whom we find to be a very loyal and enthusiastic worker although still a pledgling. On the evening of October 27th we had our formal convention report at our monthly "catsup." All the active girls and many of the alumnae were present. Anna Harrison, of Topeka, Delta's district president, very kindly assisted our delegate in giv-

ing us full and interesting accounts of convention sessions. Mrs. Abbot, former Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, gave an informal talk, which the girls thoroughly enjoyed.

We are still indulging in pleasant reminiscences of the visit of the Nebraska Thetas who came down to support their foot ball team November 14th. For our not inglorious defeat of 6 to 0 by the Nebraska team, we found full consolation at the hands of our charming Rho sisters, whose visit, all too short for us, was a source of keen enjoyment, and a means of closer sympathy between two western chapters. Just before the Thanksgiving holidays, the University Dramatic Club presented "Alabama" with an excellent caste of ambitious young amateurs, including Margaret Philbrook and Marienne Brooke, in whose "histrionic powers" Kappa chapter takes great pride.

The Carnegie Art Collection, on exhibition in the University Museum, is drawing large crowds of art lovers and is doing much for the cultivation of finer artistic taste among the students.

DARLENE DOUBLEDAY.

RHO — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The girls of Rho can hardly realize that almost a half year has gone by. Why, it seems only yesterday that we were in the midst of rushing, as a direct result of which we have seven fine freshmen to introduce, Georgia Field, Minnie Sweezy, and Camille Hall, of Lincoln, Mildred Post, of York, Louise Woodruff, of Glenwood, Iowa, Faith Hoel and Mary Morgan of Omaha. These new Thetas are planning to entertain the Freshmen girls of the other fraternities at a card party, next week.

Nebraska, you know, is a great place for football. We are more than proud of our team that hasn't been defeated for two years. But to the fraternities, I think, the best part of foot-ball is that it enables us to entertain and visit other chapters.

Never will the five girls of Rho who went to Kansas forget the Thetas of Kappa, or cease to talk of the glorious

time they had there. The girls of Kappa are surely ideal, both as Thetas and as hostesses.

Chapters that have never exchanged visits do not know how much good it does to come in contact with other Thetas. Kappa's beautiful loving cup has inspired us with the desire for one, and we mean to have it sometime soon.

Two or three weeks ago a County Fair was given at the Armory of the University under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. It was just like an old-fashioned fair, boys and girls sauntered about, eating peanuts, and gazing at the exhibits, which included everything from babies to pumpkins.

Just now, we are interested in a Christmas tree which we are going to treat ourselves to. Very mysterious are the presents that are being planned for that tree.

The Pershings, a big University party, will be held next week, at the Lincoln Hotel, and four days later there will be a Pan Hellenic dance. Rho wishes every Theta chapter a very Happy New Year.

NELLORE WILSON.

TAU — NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY

As soon as our rushing season was over, we bent all our efforts to preparing for initiation. The Fraternity Hall was prettily decorated in harmony with the Theta colors, and we were proud on the night of initiation, October twenty-sixth, to show it to our *alumnæ* who helped us with such generosity.

Since the Hall had been entirely renovated, this year seemed a good time to go back to the old rule, which had been temporarily suspended, of never admitting the pledges to Fraternity Hall. Now instead of asking them occasionally to supper with us, we expect to give some kind of a spread once every two months, especially for them. On the fourteenth of November, we had a jolly time at Florence Jenkins' house, at a chafing-dish luncheon.

The freshmen were introduced at an informal dance

given by Elizabeth Douglass, October thirty-first, at the Evanston Golf Club.

We are very glad to have with us again Catherine Wilson, who has been housed for two months. But we were not shut out from her, for she had numerous informal afternoon teas which we thoroughly enjoyed.

With hearty greetings to all.

RUTH DALE.

UPSILON — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Since the last letter to the Journal the girls of Upsilon have settled down to the long winter term, but with many pleasant breaks to shorten the time.

Initiation is now but a pleasant memory, and we all are unanimous in declaring it "the best we ever had." Soon after initiation we had our Freshman-informal, which the older girls enjoyed as much as the Freshmen.

A few weeks ago we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Katherine Wickson. She was in Minneapolis a short time only, but all the girls met her and we soon felt like old friends. If the other Thetas only knew how delighted we were to meet them, they would never be in Minneapolis without letting us know.

Helen Aldrich spent Thanksgiving with the Madison girls, as on that day Minnesota played foot ball with Wisconsin. That game was so successful that we now proudly claim the football championship of the West.

All the girls who were in town during the Thanksgiving vacation gave a spread at the home of Edna Broome. It is unnecessary to say more, as all Thetas know what fun a spread is.

We have begun to talk of plans for our banquet in January, but it is difficult to plan for anything with the shadow of mid-year examinations hanging over us. In the next Journal letter, however, we hope to tell of a successful Christmas party and banquet.

JOSEPHINE THOMAS.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Since our last letter we have pledged three more girls and held two initiations. At the first, October 24, we initiated four girls: Mildred Clark, Galesville, Wisconsin; Charlotte White and Helen Gilman, Madison, Wisconsin; and Elise Dexter, Chicago, Illinois. At the second, December 5, we initiated Mamie Sands, Dodgeville, Wisconsin, and Ethel Churchill, Monroe, Wisconsin. We are all glad to have initiations, for not only do we welcome our new sisters, but each time we go through the ritual we love it better, and realize more the real value of our fraternity.

Already we are interested in plans for Commencement, which will be the fiftieth anniversary of the first Commencement of the University. During the week, President Van Hise will be formally inaugurated, and there will be addresses by the presidents of American Universities and various distinguished scholars from Europe.

Thanksgiving day, Helen Aldrich, of Upsilon, was here for the Minnesota-Wisconsin foot-ball game, and we thoroughly enjoyed seeing her.

Now that Thanksgiving is over, we have settled down to work until Christmas. It is not all work either, for we of Psi have many good times.

Psi sends greetings to all Theta's chapters.

RUTH LINCOLN PHELAN.

DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Thanksgiving season is over and with it has gone one of the happiest times that Delta chapter has ever had. For it was the time of our initiation and five of our "old girls" were back to add to our enthusiasm. We were forty strong as we sat at the banquet after the initiation service. At the head of the table, wearing Theta pins for the first time, were our four new girls, Hope Herrick, Alice Fullenwider, Pearl Mulberry and Mary Zurhorst. Thetas are always happy at initiation, but somehow Delta's

kite was flying especially high that night. All of the seniors of the 1902 class were back, and Grace Haven of Northwestern was with us, and our town girls were there with all their enthusiasm; so that it was in truth a time for Thanksgiving.

We had another very enjoyable occasion lately, when our freshmen, who were then pledges, gave a children's party to the freshmen of the other four sororities. All the girls came dressed as children, and played all the dear old games until supper was served. They all sat down at a long table, while the seniors reversed the order of things and waited on the freshmen. The sororities seemed to appreciate the courtesy very much. Since then the Kappa Kappa Gammas have invited the Thetas to a fancy dress party at their chapter house.

Miss Mary Willis, one of our patronesses, entertained the Thetas at her home one afternoon last week. Julia Mattis also entertained us recently at an afternoon tea in honor of a visiting friend.

As you will see in the personals, four of Delta's members have been married since last June. Blanche Herrick, who married Mr. George Wilson, was one of our charter members. She had not been well since summer and a few days ago came the sad news of her death. That was shortly before our initiation and we feared lest Hope, her sister, would not come back. She did, however, and her sorrow made Theta bonds only dearer to her.

FLORENCE E. PITTS.

Gamma District

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The football game with the University of California was the one important event in November. Every evening the bleachers were filled with enthusiastic students who yelled themselves hoarse with true patriotism. The team trained faithfully and, although it contained only four old

Varsity men, it developed into a team in which Stanford could well place her confidence, even when opposed to the veteran team of California, of whom ten were old Varsity players. The score, six to six, tells the story of a clean hard fought game.

On Thanksgiving day, our team played the Perris Indians, the champions of Southern California, and defeated them by a score of eighteen to nothing.

Last month we spent a most enjoyable evening with some of our alumnæ. Dr. Mosher entertained all the active chapter and the alumnæ in her home in Palo Alto. The evening was spent in discussions on topics of fraternity interest and was indeed most profitable. The attitude of these older women showed us how deep and firm are the foundations of Theta, and how much more our fraternity grows to mean to us as time goes on. The alumnæ present were Dr. Mosher, of Psi; Mrs. C. D. Marx, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Rolfe, all of Iota; Miss Frances Patterson, Miss Pearle Green, and Mrs. Heath of Phi; and Miss Blynn of Beta. The evening was so enjoyable and mutually helpful that we are planning to have many more such gatherings.

At the last meeting of Pan-Hellenic, the question of holding more than one interfraternity gathering a year was brought up. At present, it seems that it will be the policy for each fraternity to entertain Pan-Hellenic once a year, which will mean two entertainments each semester. Heretofore, we have had only one entertainment a year, and it has always been in the form of a fancy dress party. This has not accomplished its purpose, to promote social intercourse among the girls of the different fraternities, so we are going to adopt the plan of having more interfraternity functions.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

We have been fortunate this semester in having two of our alumnæ right in the chapter house with us. Grace Johnson, who took post-graduate work in Berkeley during '96 and '97, came for two weeks at the beginning of the

term, and a little later Ruth Wilder stayed with us for five weeks. We were glad to hear them say that, although we had changed somewhat in our methods, our general principles and ideas showed the same high standard. Another thing we learned from Ruth. Two or three of us were talking till late one night over a knotty fraternity problem, which she was helping us to solve. Suddenly she laughed at our serious faces, and said that they had discussed the same thing many a long night when she was in college. So are there not many things in the adjustment of our big families which we worry about too much? They cannot be settled on the spot. But each class with the aid of mutual helpfulness always does and always will have to find its own solution. It is after talks, such as that one with Ruth, that we wonder how you girls without chapter houses ever get truly acquainted.

College work and play, study, foot-ball games, and dances, go on as usual. Omega generally succeeds in having each one of her members thoroughly interested in at least one of the many college activities, some permanent club or committee, not one that lasts but for a week or two. In this way we do not allow ourselves to become exclusively interested in study and fraternity affairs.

We have already begun to study for our fraternity examination. The chapter educational committee assigns a "lesson" for each week, and, at the beginning of each meeting, conducts a "quiz" on the assignment. In this way we have gone over about half the ground that must be covered before next spring.

Because our hills are getting green, and by many other signs, we know that it is time to send a "Merry Christmas!" to every Theta.

EDITH RUTHERFORD EVANS.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

NU ALUMNÆ — WOOSTER, OHIO

CHARTER MEMBERS, ALL OF EPSILON CHAPTER.

Mrs. Ada Mullins McSweeney, Mrs. Elizabeth Gaston Mateer, Mrs. Cora Frick Criley, Mrs. Mildred Immel Flat-tery, Margaret Platter, Dr. Kate Johnson, Alice Brown, Martha McClellan, Blanche McClellan, Mabel Moderwell, Nina Given, Josephine Taylor.

XI ALUMNÆ — KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Clara G. Lynn, Nina Drake, Helen Williams, Anne Wilder, Mary Barnett, Marie Nettleton, Lucy Y. Riggs, Katherine Dunn, Mrs. Frank M. Cockrell, Margaret Quayle.

Xi Alumnæ makes her bow to the fraternity at large with trepidation tincturing her pleasure.

“You’d scarce expect one of my age
To speak in public on the stage.”

We feel very young (not individually, you understand, but collectively), and very ignorant. Nevertheless we have a pleasing sense of victory, for, new as we are, “crosses and troubles a-many have proved us.” Some of the other alumnæ chapters know without a doubt the trials of getting hold, and of keeping hold of a number of busy women in a city; especially in the rush of a western one where addresses and telephone numbers change while you turn around, and every one of us has to deal with a hundred conflicting interests.

Our own problem was complicated by the fact that we are trying to keep in touch with all of the Thetas—

whether they come into the chapter or not—in the two Kansas Citys, the one in Missouri and its smaller sister across the river in Kansas.

This is the same river, by the way, that rose up last spring and spilled itself all over the manufacturing districts, and seemed even to cherish a hope of climbing the bluffs. But now it is the meekest of streams and slinks along looking as if it really did not need as big a bed as it has.

However, we are in fine working order now. We have a number of very-much-alive members and each member has at least sixteen plans for the chapter's work. We hope to accomplish innumerable wonders between this and the next time you hear from us, and to light a real beacon for Kappa Alpha Theta midway between the oceans.

We stretch a friendly hand in greeting to the east and to the west and send a nod and a smile up north. We hope you will like us, and that we can be of use to you.

“And if we chance to fall below
Demosthenes or Cicero,
Don't view us with a critic's eye,
But pass our imperfections by.”

KAPPA ALUMNÆ — PITTSBURG, PA.

Kappa Alumnæ has had two very enjoyable meetings this fall, and we are looking forward to a pleasant winter together.

We have fifteen active members in the chapter, most of them from Alpha Delta and Mu. There are several Thetas in Pittsburg and the near-by towns, whom we have not yet been able to reach, but whom we hope to add to our number before the year is over.

Our meetings are held every two months at the homes of the different members, and are of a purely social nature. We discussed the advisability of taking up some definite line of study, but this plan was not adopted, as most of our

members were already engaged in club work of some kind or other.

Pittsburg is not near enough to any college for us to keep in close touch with an active chapter; although in some respects this is a loss, yet on the other hand it tends to broaden our sympathies and to transfer our interest from the individual chapter to the fraternity at large.

Kappa Alumnæ sends most hearty greetings to all her sister chapters both active and alumnæ.

MARY PORTER BOSS.

IOTA ALUMNÆ — LOS ANGELES, CAL.

The first full meeting of Iota Alumnæ chapter, since the convention, was held at the home of one of its members, Ida B. Lindley, Saturday afternoon, November the fourteenth. Twelve were present, among them being Ada Day Edwards, of Phi, our President; Jessie Macfarland, of Rho, Vice President, Edith Hill, Corresponding Secretary.

The afternoon was spent in listening to Edith Hill's report of the Convention at Minneapolis. This report, together with the full account given in the November issue of the Journal, filled us with new inspiration. We are greatly pleased with the initial copy of the Journal, under the new editing chapter, and are sure that this very important part of our organization is being directed by wise heads and able pens. Iota Alumnæ increased her membership at the last meeting by receiving Irene Taylor, of Omega, who is a teacher in the High Schools of Los Angeles, and Tod Bethel Nichols, of Phi, now wife of Dr. Walter Nichols, of Pasadena. We still miss sadly Edith Coffin, who became Mrs. Allen and went to Ohio to live; and also her bright and vivacious sister, Carrie Coffin Phillips, who is living temporarily in Northern California. Now, still another is to leave us, Josephine Cook Lippincott, who is to go with her husband, J. Barlow Lippincott, to spend the winter in Washington, D. C. Mr. Lippincott

is on the U. S. Geological Survey and it is in connection with this department that he is called to Washington.

The October meeting was held at Mrs. Lippincott's new home on West Adams Street. This house is an embodiment of the originality of Mrs. Lippincott, who planned it throughout, introducing some especially unique features, among them, an out-door living room. Mrs. Lippincott is the possessor of a rare collection of Indian baskets, secured by herself and Mr. Lippincott on their various travels.

So much attention has been attracted to this artistic and utilitarian little home that the Friday Morning Club asked Mrs. Lippincott to read a paper before them concerning her ideas from which this home has evolved. This Club is composed of several scores of the representative women of Los Angeles. It was certainly a compliment to Mrs. Lippincott to be asked to present this paper. She is an active member of the Club. The plans for the work of this year in Iota Alumnæ are to be decided upon at our next meeting which will be at the hospitable home of Mrs. W. T. S. Hammond, formerly, Bessie Cook, of Alpha. To Mrs. Hammond the Thetas of Southern California look as a ship to its anchor. *Semper idem*, through winter and summer, from the beginning of dear old Omicron Chapter to its end, through the experimental experience of the *K A Θ* Club to its merging into the permanent and recognized career of Iota Alumnæ Chapter, Mrs. Hammond has been with us, with the same sweet, composed, reassuring countenance, that has had much to do toward uniting us in our harmonious circle of Theta Alumnæ.

Iota Alumnæ is composed of very, very busy women who are trying their best to do something towards perpetuating the spirit and influence of *K A Θ*. We also hope to do our part toward keeping the Journal up to a high standard.

We greatly desire that any notices that are to reach us from headquarters may be sent long enough before those

sent to other chapters, for us to give our reply a full week's time to reach headquarters on return.

All hail to the Journal under its present administration!

IDA BANTA LINDLEY.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

Time and Place of Chapter Meetings.

Gamma Alumnae, New York City—2:30 P. M. First Saturday of each month, from September to June, at Hotel Martha Washington, 29 E. Twenty-ninth street.

Eta Alumnae, Burlington, Vt.—Monthly from November to June, at homes of members.

Alpha Alumnae, Greencastle, Ind.—Second Saturday of each month, afternoon, from September to June, at homes of members.

Epsilon Alumnae, Columbus, Ohio.—4-8 P. M.—First Saturday of each month, October to June, at homes of members.

Zeta Alumnae, Indianapolis, Ind.—2:30 P. M. First Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Mu Alumnae, Cleveland, O.—Second Saturday of each month at homes of members.

Kappa Alumnae, Pittsburg, Pa.—Once in two months at homes of members.

Lambda Alumnae, Athens, Ohio.—No specified time.

Nu Alumnae, Wooster, Ohio.—No specified time.

Beta Alumnae, Minneapolis, Minn.—3 P. M. Second Saturday in each month at homes of members.

Delta Alumnae, Chicago, Ill.—10:30 A. M. Third Saturday of each month at Marshall Field's Tea Room.

Xi Alumnae, Kansas City, Mo.—No specified time.

Iota Alumnae, Los Angeles, Cal.—2:30 P. M. Once a month at homes of members.

PERSONALS

Iota

Mabel Clare Almy, '00, Jane Day Cavarly, 01, and Ebba Almgren, '06, spent the summer abroad in travel and study. During the greater part of the summer, Miss Almgren was at her home in Stockholm, Sweden.

Lambda

Geneva Jones, ex-'04, has gone to Des Moines, Iowa, where she is studying Osteopathy.

Marie Hall, '02, was married to Mr. Archie Sheldon, October 21, 1903, and now resides in Rutland, Vermont.

Mary Tracy, '03, is teaching in the Normal School at Johnson, Vermont.

Helen Hodge, ex-'03, who was obliged to leave college last year on account of ill health, is still unable to continue her work.

Mabel Nelson, '99, has gone to spend the winter and spring in California.

Florence Nelson, '01, is tutoring in Garrison-on-Hudson, New York.

Alice Derby, '02, is teaching in Addison, New York.

Chi

In November, Mabel Parker, '00, was released from her position at Spring Valley, N. Y., that she might accept a position in the Syracuse High School, as instructor in Greek and Roman History.

Born, Oct. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Chamberlain, Syracuse, a daughter.

Maude Millington, ex-'05, of Herkimer, N. Y., visited Chi, at the chapter house for a week in November.

Married, October sixteenth, at Mexico, N. Y., Julia

L. Stowell, '99, to Rev. Warren Sage Stone. Mr. Stone is a member of Alpha Delta Phi of Hamilton College.

The week of November second, Miss Fairchild, an Alpha Epsilon Theta, visited in the city and made the acquaintance of her sisters of Chi.

Elizabeth Tennant, ex-'04, spent a week in November at the chapter house. Other girls who have visited us lately are Olivia Pratt, '01, Georgia Allen, '03, May Baker, '03, Maisa Parker, ex '04, and Eunice Pierson, '01.

Elizabeth Rice, Grace Ramsay, Luella Miller and Harriet Disbrow, active members of Chi, spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Beatrice and Beulah Throop at Port Gibson, N. Y.

Alpha Beta

The marriage of Eva Foster Firth, '98, to Mr. Walter C. Webster, took place on November 10th, at Lancaster, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Webster will live at 103 Waverly Place, New York City.

The engagement of Mary A. Parry, ex-'04, to Mr. William W. Turner, Phi Kappa Psi, Swarthmore, '02, was announced on Thanksgiving day.

The marriage of Helen Hillborn, '94, to Mr. Jesse Phillips, took place Nov. 5th at Swarthmore Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips will live in Wilmington, Del.

Anna W. Waters, '02, is teaching at the Friends' Seminary, New York City.

Six Alpha Betas are taking the cooking course at Drexel Institute, Philadelphia.

May K. Flannery, '01, has returned from abroad and resumed her work in Gamma Alumnae as president of the chapter.

Mrs. Grace Brosius Biddle, '97, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been visiting in Lansdowne. During her stay there, Caroline Sargent Walter entertained her at an informal tea at Wallingford, Pa., to meet the active chapter.

Mrs. George M. Booth, of Chester, Pa., gave a tea to introduce her daughter, Elizabeth M. Booth, '03, on Friday, Nov. 27th, followed by a dinner and dance.

Alpha Delta

Millie Louise Sarles, '00, was married at her home in Liberty, New York, on November 24, to Dr. Luther Conklin Payne, also of Liberty. Carolyn Golding, '00, was maid of honor.

Alpha Epsilon

Announcement is made of the engagement of Alice Morse Barrett, '03, to Alexander Abbott, Phi Delta Theta, '03.

Josephine Angell Beane, '97, was married to Augustus Foster Rose, a graduate of the Boston Normal Art School, on June 30, 1903.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Helen Whitmarch, '03, to Jeremiah Drew, Phi Delta Theta, '03.

Lucy Anna Bates Guile, '98, has changed her residence from New York City to Montclair, New Jersey.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Ruth Appleton, '01, to George Goulding, Alpha Tau Omega, '99.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Ella Pollard, '02, to Ralph Cameron Thompson, Alpha Tau Omega, '99.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Abby Ghodey, '02, to Howard Coffin, Chi Phi, '01.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Bessie Allen Hood, '03, to Daniel Bellows, Chi Phi, '03.

Announcement is made of the engagement of Grace Margaret Hamilton to Howard Arnold Swallow.

Alpha Zeta

Florence Lippincott, Alpha Zeta, '00, was married to Mr. Frederick Bull, on October 20, 1903.

Margaret M. Jones, ex-special, has announced her engagement to Mr. Leclanché Moën, Alpha Delta Phi.

Bertha W. Seward, '05, is taking a course in Kindergarten work in Boston.

Ellice H. Fitch, '03, is studying Kindergarten work at Teachers College.

Annie P. McKenney, '02, of Petersburg, Va., has been visiting Mary W. Moën, special.

Ruth B. Howe, '03, is traveling in the west and hopes to be able to visit the California chapters of *KΑΘ*.

Alpha

Viola Kier, '02, and Alice Cox, '03, are taking post-graduate work with us this year.

Hattie Mary Tutewiler, '97, was married to Dr. Blackwelder, Delta Upsilon, October 7, at Indianapolis. Dr. and Mrs. Blackwelder are now living in New Mexico.

Celia Ellis Neal, '00, and Mr. Roy John Tuller, Delta Kappa Epsilon, of the same class were married October 7, at Hartford City, Indiana. They are at home in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Minna Matern, ex-'03, is studying music and German in Berlin this winter.

Bertha Wood, '03, spent a few weeks with us in October, before sailing for her home in Lima, Peru.

Elizabeth Towne, '03, is teaching Mathematics in the Greencastle High School.

Margaretta Stevenson Nutt, '02, was married November 7, to N. Wilbur Helm, '99, Phi Kappa Psi. Mr. Helm for two years was instructor in Latin in Princeton. Mr. and Mrs. Helm are now on their way to Japan, where Mr. Helm will teach under the auspices of Y. M. C. A.

Beta

The engagement of Bonnie Spink, '03, to Mr. Floyd Newby, Phi Gamma Delta, is announced.

Edith Ganutt, '03, was married on Thanksgiving day

at her home in Marion Ind., to Mr. Will Wilborn, of Greenfield, Indiana.

Clara Roelker, '03, is principal of the High School at Ossian, Indiana.

Pearl Cassell, '03, is principal of the High School at Camden, Indiana.

Epsilon

Nell Lloyd, ex-'02, and Dr. Fitzgerald of South Forks, Pa., will be married at the home of Miss Lloyd in Ebensburg, Pa., on January first.

Elizabeth Cathcart, '99, was married on October 14, to Rev. Marshall Harrington, in Newburg, New York.

Mary Anderson of Loudenville, O., '00, was married in November to Mr. David Metzler of Wooster.

Ruth Bogardus of Mt. Vernon, O., '02, has accepted a position as teacher in the High School at Zanesville, O.

Early in December, Epsilon enjoyed a visit from Florence Durstine of New York City and Mary Loren, of Alpha Gamma.

Eta

Anna Drumond, '03, of Chicago, has been staying in Ann Arbor and Detroit for three weeks.

Laura Eames, '02, of St. Louis, is visiting in Detroit.

Charlotte Bissell and Cora Wells, who were in Ann Arbor for our initiation, sailed with Mrs. Bissell for Europe, Nov. 21st. They will be abroad about a year.

Charlotte Walker spent Thanksgiving in Chicago with Mrs. Sidney Eastman.

Alice Wadsworth visited Eta, for two days in November.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Cheney spent Nov. 8th with the girls of Eta Chapter.

The engagement is announced of Myra Post, '95 and Mr. William Cady, Beta Theta Pi. Miss Post was formerly Grand President and is therefore well known to

Kappa Alpha Theta. Mr. Cady is a Michigan man and graduated in the class of '92.

Zella Fay and Helen Mead spent the Thanksgiving vacation with Bess Cantwell at her home in Kenton, Ohio.

Grace Holmes, Helen Post, Zoe Shurtz, Harriet Waller Oakes, Margaret Jones, Charlotte Walker, Katherine Veit and Mary Robison attended Eta's initiation Nov. 14th.

We have another Theta in faculty circles through the appointment of Prof. Louis Alger to the chair of pedagogy, in the University of Michigan. Mrs. Alger was a Theta at Albion.

Miss Cole and Miss Dalrymple of Pi took dinner with us a short time ago.

Ethel and Jessie Obetz, Eta's two pledglings, are daughters of a Theta, Mrs. Obetz having belonged to the Butler chapter.

Mary White, pledged last spring, is studying in Ypsilanti and will come to Michigan next fall.

Una Palmer, '03, of Big Rapids, visited in Ann Arbor on Nov. 14th.

Mu

Ruth Townley, '03, is teaching in the High School at Kinsman, Ohio.

Marion Bemis, '03, is teaching in Tidioute, Pa.

Marie Tuholsky, '03, is on the faculty of the preparatory school of Allegheny College.

Jessie Williams, '03, has entered Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, where she is studying Domestic Science.

Rebecca Langworthy, ex-'05, who spent the summer abroad, visited Mu for a few days in October.

The engagement of Eleanor Doty has been announced to Mr. Freeman Hertzell of Warren, Penna.

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Bess Philips to Sam Messer of Emlenton, Pa.

In the last issue of the Journal, we failed to announce

the marriage of Maude Shattuck, '02, to Dr. Ernest T. Bynum, Professor of Modern Languages in Allegheny.

Francis Cartwright has been married to Rev. Richard Cuthbert of Pittsburg, Pa.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Minnie Moore to Mr. Bruce Holcomb, Newton Falls, Ohio.

Grace Jones, ex-'06, is teaching at her home in Franklin, Pa.

Alpha Gamma

Anna Williams Murfin, '99, is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Mary Loren, '03, spent the month of November with Florence Durstine, in New York City.

Perla Bowman Gibbs has moved to Durham, New Hampshire, where her husband, William David Gibbs, was inaugurated President of the college on the 28th of October.

Cornelia W. Miller, '02, who is teaching in the Picketon High School this year, spent the Thanksgiving recess with her parents.

Kappa

Code Moore, '02, of Holton, and Helen Williams, '03, of Kansas City, were in Lawrence, Nov. 20th, for the Beta "turkey pull."

Hazel Fossler, '05, who is not in the University this term, came down from Topeka for the Nebraska-Kansas foot-ball game, Nov. 14th.

Anna Rankin, '03, has returned to her home in Lawrence, after spending five months in Arizona and Montana.

Estelle Riddle, '01, of Minneapolis, attended our pledge party, Oct. 5th.

Tau

The engagement of Eleanor Stranahan Doty, '03, to

Mr. Freeman Hertzell of Warren, Pennsylvania, has been announced.

Virginia Miller, '03, who is assistant principal in the High School at Trempealeau, Wisconsin, is expected to spend the Christmas holidays in Evanston.

We are very glad to have with us Katherine Wickson, sister of our Grand President, who is spending the winter with Ruth Ray.

The engagement of Irene Parkes, Delta Alumnæ, to Mr. Charles Hugh Stevenson is announced.

The engagement of Lillian Rice to Mr. Holmes has been announced.

Herta Curme has gone to Florida to spend the winter.

Mrs. Oldfather, née Margaret Giboney, of Hanover, Indiana, is in Evanston, while her husband is a member of the faculty.

Psi

Olga Mueller, '94, who took her Master's Degree at the University of Minnesota in 1903, is teaching at Seattle, Washington.

Emily Blanche Clark, '01, was married October 21 to Earl E. Hunner, Delta Upsilon, '99.

The engagement of Katheryn L. Button, '02, to Ralph Danuser, Phi Gamma Delta, '02, has been announced.

Bertha Clarke, ex-'05, visited us during the Thanksgiving recess.

Among the girls who have visited us this fall are: Mollie Strong, '00; Winifred Smith, '00; Mrs. Austin, '97, now in Berlin, Germany; Laura Sage, '02; Evelyn Johnson, '03; and Ella Buell, ex-'03.

The engagement of Blanche Brigham, '00, to Cranford Harper has been announced.

Kate Buell, '01, and Phoebe Buell, ex-'03, are teaching in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

Phi

Ada Heineman, '00, is studying physical culture in Boston.

Dr. and Mrs. Van Norden of Sacramento announce the birth of a daughter. Mrs. Van Norden was Ruth Spilman, '01.

Elsie Beauner, '06, will leave Stanford this Christmas to spend a year in Europe.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams have located in San Francisco, where Dr. Williams will practice. Mrs. Williams was Dora Moody, '97.

Omega

Amy Furlong, ex-'02, has announced her engagement to Mr. Frank Short. They will not be married for about a year.

We have been glad to see some of our alumnæ from afar this fall. Lena Macaulay came from Truckee, where she has been teaching for the last year, and Susie Clark from Honolulu. Isabel Godin Anderson, who was married last June, has come twice from her home in San Luis Obispo.

Within the last few months a son was born to Louise Bunnell Keeler, and a little daughter to Elsie Lee Turner.

The engagement has been announced of Katherine Foreman Smith, '04, to Mr. Leslie Morton Turner, '03. They intend to leave for Paris immediately after their marriage next summer. There they will stay for two years, while Mr. Turner is studying for his doctor's degree in English.

The engagement has been announced of Mary Powell, '03, to Mr. Harold Bradley, '01, Delta Upsilon. Mr. Bradley is at present an instructor in Chemistry at Yale University.

Delta

Three of Delta's girls were married this summer. Ly-

dia Mather, 1900, was married in August to Ernest Forbes, a Delta Tau Delta, of Illinois. They are now living at Colombia, Missouri, where Mr. Forbes is teaching in the State University.

Blanche Herrick, one of our charter members, was married in August to George Wilson. She was a bride of only three months when she died.

Mollie Kittredge, 1901, was married in October to Dr. J. A. Brown, of Champaign, and they are now at home at 609 University Ave., Champaign.

Louise Rust is at home this year at 40 Park Overlook, Cleveland, Ohio.

Ellen Smith, 1902, has charge of the Library of Congress work in the John Crearer Library at Chicago, Ill.

Jessie Lummis, 1902, is teaching Latin in the Quincy High School.

Helen Taylor, 1902, is teaching Rhetoric in the University of Illinois.

Trenna Miller is attending the Milliken University at Decatur, Ill.

Josephine Schillinger, 1901, is teaching English in the High School, at Moline, Illinois.

Mary Davis, 1901, is teaching this year at Rantoul, Illinois.

Jane Mather is now traveling with her mother in Arizona.

Louise Brookings is spending a year at her home in Du Quoin, Illinois.

Amelia Montgomery is going to college at Bryn Mawr this year.

Marjorie Forbes, 1903, is teaching German and English in the High School at Dixon, Illinois.

Ellen Huntington, 1903, has charge of some extensive work in Domestic Science in Boston, Mass., this year.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

Syracuse University has this year, for the first time, a daily paper. The new sheet bears the name of "The Daily Orange."

About the second week in November, delegations from the English Commission, sent to study methods of education in the United States, visited Northwestern University. They were very interesting as well as interested.

Prof. Moses, head of the History department of the University of California, has returned to college after four years absence. He was appointed by President McKinley, with Judge Taft and others, to be one of the United States Commissioners to the Philippines. During his residence there, the educational work was under his direction.

A unique gift to Brown consists of a collection of 200,000 newspaper clippings, covering a period of 20 years, and relating to a great variety of public questions.

Chicago University has started a movement to abolish charges for admission to athletic games, by putting athletic work on a permanently endowed basis.

The sixty-ninth annual convention of Delta Upsilon was held in New York City on November 11th, 12th and 13th.

The biennial convention of Alpha Province of Phi Delta Theta was held in Syracuse, November eighteenth and nineteenth.

Beta Theta Pi has established a chapter at Perdue University, the Indiana Institute of Technology.

Sigma Chi has established a chapter in the State University of Washington.

On November tenth, "Wallenstein's Tod" was presented at the Chicago Auditorium, in honor of Schiller's one hundred and forty-fourth birth-day anniversary, by the

Wachner Company, under the auspices of Chicago and Northwestern Universities.

Some time in March, "King Lear" will be presented by the students of Syracuse University. Professor Frederick D. Losey is training the cast, and he himself will play the title rôle.

Dr. Robert Henry Thurston, Director of Sibley College of Engineering, Cornell University, died very suddenly at his home in Ithaca, on the fifteenth of October. His death will be a great loss to the University.

A new custom has been instituted in Syracuse University this year. The men of the Freshman class wear a regulation cap, bright green with an orange button and orange lining. It is understood that this custom will be observed by succeeding Freshmen classes.

Mrs. Stanford has presented a most valuable and unique collection of relics, antiquities and curios to the museum of Stanford University. The collection is one made by the Stanford family and includes many articles of great value and especial interest.

There has been much discussion of late in regard to adopting the honor system at Stanford University. The method of enforcing the system would be something like this: Any student who has been seen cheating would be reported to a committee of worthy upper classmen. The accused would be called before the committee and given an opportunity to clear himself. If found guilty, he would be allowed to choose between leaving the university voluntarily or being reported to the faculty committee as one who should be expelled from College. The general sentiment favors the adoption of such a system.

At the University of Wisconsin sixteen young women compose an association for charitable work among the poor people of Madison.

Prof. K. C. Babcock, who was for many years one of the best history instructors in the University of California,

has been appointed President of Arizona State University. President Wheeler gave the inaugural address.

Ohio State University is having the usual series of Twilight Concerts under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.

The faculty of Allegheny College have made a new rule regarding fraternity entertainment: Not more than one party or reception may be given during any one term by a college organization, and such party or reception must close not later than 10:45 P. M.

EXCHANGES

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

The Alpha Phi Quarterly for November.
The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta for October.
Alpha Tau Omega Palm for September.
The Delta Upsilon Quarterly for October.
The Phi Gamma Delta for November.
The Eleusis of Chi Omega for October.
The Beta Theta Pi for October and November.
The Anchora of Delta Gamma for November.
The Sigma Chi Quarterly for September.
The Delta of Sigma Nu for November.
The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega for November.
The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi for November.
The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta for November.

Some Features of the Ideal Alpha Phi—

Ideal womanhood or girlhood is not to be measured in terms of the woman *one* age demands, but in terms of the woman the sore or saddened human hearts of all ages have enduringly demanded.

A plain, old-fashioned, homely heart, wherein charity, fresh sympathy, unalloyed tenderness abound, is the prime requisite, is it not? The danger for the Vedderesque, Gibsonsque, the, in general, type girl,—or the woman with isms, and schisms, and multitudinous clubs, is that she will labor so assiduously to make herself above criticism in the *type* she aspires, that all the fires of sweet, old-fashioned, womanly sympathy will burn themselves out, wearied. Alas! The emotions have not endless, or rather *wasteless* energy!

Modern girls, too, are horribly critical. They diagnose the characters of their best friends with a cold confidence in their own judgments positively appalling. I was talking with a young woman a while ago, who said Ann Arbor had taught her to criticise everyone. She said that one day, after catching herself wisely, calmly discussing her own mother's traits of character, it was borne in upon her that it was about time to call a halt.

I believe in ideals of life and conduct, and believe it possible to hold these mind creations fast all through life. I do *not* hold with some that we never attain to our ideals. We constantly are doing so, only the ideals change and grow, as we build those "statelier mansions" and leave the "out-grown shells."

Large womanhood—how shall it be attained? Surely not through neglect of the spiritual impulse, nor through shutting oneself into a narrow, though charmed, circle of friends. To learn to meet and appreciate many kinds of people; to live our best ideals with largest charity for those who have others than our own; to make small service large through the spirit which prompts it,—this needs all the inspiration one can find. I wonder whether we have all seriously tried to discover what help the religious organizations could afford us toward this end? And if they fail, I wonder if we owe them any of our own service to help them better to fulfil their mission?—*The Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

The Choice of a Correspondent—

I suppose scarcely any chapter is now so foolish as any longer to regard the office of correspondent as one of its minor posts. Some few have already come to regard the correspondent's position in its true light, and recognize that, barring unusual conditions, he has the opportunity to become the most important man in the chapter. The correspondent's office yields to a man of ability and responsibility the wisest opportunities for power and usefulness. Excluding conventions and occasional chance meetings, it

is obvious that practically all of a chapter's representation to the men of the fraternity scattered over the country must come through its correspondent. In plain English, this means that, whether justly or unjustly, the majority of men will, in point of fact, judge a chapter wholly by its correspondent. In reading chapter letters you probably will not learn whether or not the chapter has a strong man to look after its finances, or a wise man to conduct its meetings; but you will have no difficulty in ascertaining whether it has the right kind of man to attend to its correspondence. And if it is true that a poorly constructed and hastily thrown together chapter letter inevitably produces a bad impression of the chapter, it is hard to exaggerate the unfavorable effect produced upon the seeker by the entire absence of any letter at all. This may be, and probably is, wholly the fault of the correspondent; but it tends to leave no very creditable idea of the chapter which suffers him.

It is, therefore, a matter of the merest self-interest and self-protection on the part of the chapter, to see to it that they put forward into this conspicuous post a man able worthily to represent them. He should first be able to select and clearly express the points that are worthy of narration; he should, in a word, be able to use the English language. He should also have a sense of personal responsibility sufficiently developed to make it certain that he will attend to his business.—*The Beta Theta Pi*.

The \$50 prize for an essay on "The Effect of the Fraternity on College Life," offered by the New York City Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity, has been awarded to Fletcher B. Wagner, a member of the Delta Upsilon fraternity and now a student at Harvard. The judges were ex-President Grover Cleveland, Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler and Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews. The prize is to be increased to \$200 next year. Candidates for baccalaureate degrees in any American college are eligible.—*New York Sun*, October 28, 1903.

[The following paragraph is a clipping from the essay mentioned above. — Editor.]

As this paragraph is written, the writer looks from the summit of a peak in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. A trail, blazed by many a traveler marks and makes easy an ascent through forest and snow. College life is a climb. A freshman may find rocks, ravines and underbrush. He may waste steps alone. Fraternity life is a blazed trail, leading him to one peak or to another. Men who preceded him have chosen their path; indicated their standard, provided help along the way. Moreover, a congenial number follows with him. Whatever destination they seek will be reached more surely, more pleasantly. The fraternity hastens evolutions, for good or for bad. It makes work and culture easier, or it can make dissipation and decay more rapid. An institution with such power should be nurtured. Its capacity for good should be developed. The chapter house at college should be studied as well as Hull House of the slums. It is a permanent and efficient factor in college life, which cannot be supplied by the haphazard of the dormitory and lunch-counter.

The college fraternity is American. It tends to produce an aristocratic socialist. A man can learn through fraternity life the equality of equals, and the welfare of the majority as well as the value of an energetic and favored minority.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*

A Blunderer's Confession—

(From the Brunonian.)

In the darkened hall I kissed her
 When no other girl was nigh.
 Handsome maid! Who could resist her?
 I was bound to do or die—
 If she seemed offended, I
 Could say I thought it was my sister.
 Took good aim and never missed her!
 With a start she turned on me;
 Freed her small hand from my fist, her
 Eyes with sudden wrath did glisten.
 Then she giggled, "Tee-hee-hee,"
 Thought it funny as could be.
 I'll be hanged, it *was* my sister!

—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm.*



CHARTER MEMBERS OF ALPHA ETA CHAPTER VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY